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## Newsletter January 2017

Dear Parents, Carers and All,

Wow!! Here we are again already writing 2017!! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Thank you very much for the cards, gifts and kind wishes we received and we hope that you all liked your goodies that the children had made.

We start with some lovely news which is that Fee (our Bradford Leader) is expecting her 2<sup>nd</sup> baby, due at the end of June. She will be leaving for maternity leave at the May half term and we will have cover in place to ensure all her hard work over the last 12 months continues.

Some of the Bridgerule parent's will have seen Annette in the setting at the end of term. You may recognise her from her time with the Children's Centre, but she is now a member of our bank staff. She is level 3 qualified with many years' experience and will cover both settings.

At Bridgerule this term we welcome Harley and at Bradford - Ruby and Martha. Spaces at both pre-schools are filling up fast so if you want any extra sessions please ask.

### General Reminders

- Please ensure that all children come in with appropriate clothing for playing outside at all times. Also a bag with a full set of spare clothes.
- If your child is having grapes in their packed lunch can you please ensure they are cut in half long ways - thank you. We ask that all children have at least one piece of fruit and no sweets please.
- Don't forget to use your WOW notes that both settings have, as they are a great way of sharing information about your child's achievements.
- Red books are not just for us to write in! We ask for comments in them from you to help us with those conversations where the child answers "nothing"! Just a quick note about what you have been up to at the weekend would give us a starting point.
- Listening to the weather forecast it sounds like we are in for a chilly time and possibly even some of the lovely 'white stuff'!!!! In the event of a pre-school closure please keep an eye on our Facebook page but you will also be contacted by a member of staff.

### Thank You's

We would like to say a big thank you to Steve (Amelia's Dad) for sourcing us some very reasonably priced laptops for both settings, to aid our development of ICT. Also a big thank you to Steph and Tom (Jack's parents) for a very speedy revamp of our mud kitchen, it's fantastic and the children love it. Bradford staff are also looking for some support in tidying up their mud kitchen - being outside these things don't survive for ever. If anyone would like to help please speak to Fee.

### Fundraising

Also a big well done to the committee on the fantastic sum of £704 raised at the Christmas Bingo & £495 for the Raffle Draw. Thank you to all those that supported the event in anyway.

Our next Bags 2 School collection date is 14<sup>th</sup> March. There are plenty of bags in both settings so please hand them out to friends, family and colleagues to make this a success again.

### Sickness

At this time of year there is always lots of bugs around, so can we remind you that, as our policy states - all children are to remain away from pre-school for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea and at least 24 hours after a high temperature has gone down. If your child becomes unwell whilst in our care, we would always contact you, hence the importance of ensuring we have the correct contact numbers for you. We are unable to administer any medication that is not prescribed by a doctor, so if your child needs Calpol or similar they will need to remain at home. This is all clearly stated in our policies which can be found near the entrance doors of both pre-schools and on our website.

### Dates for your Diary

Headcount week in both settings - 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> January

Half term - 11<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> February

Bags 2 School collection - 14<sup>th</sup> March

Easter Holidays - 1<sup>st</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> April

As always any questions, please speak to a member of staff.

Regards  
Pre-school Team